

needs, then it is the Chief, Credit and Finance Section, Region 6.

509.105-3 Disclosure of preaward information.

When an offer is rejected because of a determination by the contracting officer that the prospective contractor is not responsible, the contracting officer shall notify the prospective contractor by letter of the basis for the rejection. This will provide the offeror with the opportunity to cure the factors that lead to the nonresponsibility determination prior to the submission of offers in response to future solicitations.

509.106 Preaward surveys.

509.106-2 Requests for preaward survey.

The contracting officer or a designee requests a preaward survey by forwarding the Standard Form 1403, Preaward Survey of Prospective Contractor (General), accompanied by the appropriate subparts of the preaward survey (Standard Forms 1404 through 1408) to the surveying activities. The Federal Supply Service is authorized to use GSA Form 353, Performance Evaluation & Facilities Report, for preaward surveys instead of Standard Forms 1403 through 1406. The contracting officer shall complete Section I of the GSA Form 353 in accordance with instructions in 553.370-353-I.

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Subpart 509.2—Qualification Requirements

509.202 Policy.

(a) The Federal Supply Service Commodity Center Engineering Division Director shall prepare the written justification required by FAR 9.202(a)(1).

(b) The heads of contracting activities shall approve determinations under FAR 9.202(e) that a proposed procurement need not be delayed to comply with FAR 9.202(a).

509.204 Responsibility for establishment of a qualification requirement.

The Commodity Center Director shall make determinations under FAR 9.204(a)(2) that the Government should

bear the cost of conducting specified testing and evaluation for a small business concern or a product manufactured by a small business concern.

509.206 Acquisitions subject to qualification requirements.

509.206-1 General.

The contracting director shall submit requests that a qualification requirement not be enforced in a particular acquisition to the Commodity Center Engineering Division Director under FAR 9.206-1(e)(3).

509.206-2 Solicitation provisions and contract clauses.

The contracting officer shall insert the clause at 552.209-73, Product Removal from Qualified Products List, in solicitations and contracts, when qualified products are to be acquired. The clause supplements the clauses at FAR 52.209-1 and 52.209-2.

Subpart 509.3—First Article Testing and Approval

509.302 General.

When first article testing and approval is appropriate for a procurement pursuant to FAR Subpart 9.3, the general policy of the Federal Supply Service (FSS) is to require:

- (a) The contractor to perform required testing, unless after coordinating with the technical specialist and Quality Assurance Division (FQA) in the Office of Quality and Contract Administration the contracting officer determines that Government testing is in the best interest of the Government;
- (b) That the first article be produced at the same facility where production quantities will be produced; and
- (c) That the first article serve as the manufacturing standard.

509.303 Use.

The contracting officer shall coordinate all determinations to require first article testing and approval with the technical specialist and FQA. At the time of coordination, the contracting officer should obtain the following information from the technical specialist and FQA: